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MEMORANDUM TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ORE

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 23 July 1948 from Assistant Director, ORE, to Director of Central Intelligence concerning necessity for emergency security clearances and recommendations for effecting same.

1. Consideration has been given your proposal set forth for the establishment of a special board of review for applicants qualified to fill positions in the USSR intelligence effort. It is felt that in view of the security considerations necessary for the clearance of such personnel, particularly for Special Intelligence, such a board would not adequately meet the security requirements of CIA.

2. The problem must be considered in relation to the overall situation existing in the Agency relative to the expeditious clearance of personnel to fill existing vacancies. This problem can be more readily resolved by ORE making known to the Chief of Personnel those applicant cases which are considered as requiring a priority for expeditious clearance in order to support the USSR intelligence effort. I have directed that the Executive for Administration and Management set certain operational priorities for employment of personnel. These priorities will be transmitted to the Executive for Inspection and Security to apply to the handling of investigations. Where it is possible to do so, the Executive for I & S will submit individual cases to me for my consideration for a temporary waiver.

3. In three or four months I feel that an expansion of our investigative facilities will again permit complete and normal completion of full investigations in a reasonable period of time.

SIGNED

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